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**Iowa:** There were 800,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on October 1, 2006, up 1 percent from September 1, 2006, and up 11 percent from October 1, 2005. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 460,000 head on feed, up 1 percent from last month and up 12 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 340,000 head on feed, up 1 percent from last month, and up 10 percent from last year.

Placements during September totaled 132,000 head, an increase of 9 percent from last month but down 1 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 81,000 head, up 1 percent from last month but down 10 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 51,000 head. This is up 24 percent from last month and up 16 percent from last year.

Marketings for September were 118,000 head, up 20 percent from last month, but down 13 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 73,000 head, up 6 percent from last month but down 1 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 45,000 head, up 55 percent from last month, but down 26 percent from last year. Other disappearance totaled 4,000 head.

**United States:** Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.4 million head on October 1, 2006. The inventory was 9 percent above October 1, 2005 and 8 percent above October 1, 2004. This is the highest October 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.20 million steers and steer calves, up 5 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.12 million head, up 16 percent from 2005.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.23 million, 5 percent below 2005 and 6 percent below 2004. Net placements were 2.16 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 725,000, 600-699 pounds were 412,000, 700-799 pounds were 450,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 645,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.77 million, 3 percent below 2005 and 2 percent below 2004. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of September since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 68,000 during September, 19 percent above 2005 and 11 percent above 2004.

## All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

| Item                              | Lots 1,000+ Head  | Lots Less than 1,000 Head | All Lots          |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
|                                   | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>1,000 Head</i>         | <i>1,000 Head</i> |
| Cattle on Feed, September 1, 2006 | 455               | 335                       | 790               |
| September Placements              | 81                | 51                        | 132               |
| September Marketings              | 73                | 45                        | 118               |
| September Other Disappearance     | 3                 | 1                         | 4                 |
| Cattle on Feed, October 1, 2006   | 460               | 340                       | 800               |

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements and Marketings by Month,  
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots <sup>1</sup>**

| State      | Cattle on Feed<br>October 1 |                       |                       | Placements<br>during September |                       |                    | Marketings<br>during September |                       |                    | September Disappearance<br>other than<br>Slaughter <sup>2</sup> |                       |                       |
|------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|            | 2005                        | 2006                  | '06 as<br>% of<br>'05 | 2005                           | 2006                  | '06 as<br>% of '05 | 2005                           | 2006                  | '06 as<br>% of '05 | 2005  | 2006                  | '06 as<br>% of<br>'05 |
|            | <i>1,000<br/>Head</i>       | <i>1,000<br/>Head</i> | <i>Percent</i>        | <i>1,000<br/>Head</i>          | <i>1,000<br/>Head</i> | <i>Percent</i>     | <i>1,000<br/>Head</i>          | <i>1,000<br/>Head</i> | <i>Percent</i>     | <i>1,000<br/>Head</i>   | <i>1,000<br/>Head</i> | <i>Percent</i>        |
| AZ         | 318                         | 336                   | 106                   | 29                             | 28                    | 97                 | 24                             | 26                    | 108                | 1   | 2                     | 200                   |
| CA         | 535                         | 525                   | 98                    | 68                             | 72                    | 106                | 57                             | 64                    | 112                | 6   | 3                     | 50                    |
| CO         | 900                         | 1,060                 | 118                   | 280                            | 245                   | 88                 | 145                            | 140                   | 97                 | 5   | 5                     | 100                   |
| ID         | 270                         | 265                   | 98                    | 69                             | 72                    | 104                | 48                             | 41                    | 85                 | 1   | 1                     | 100                   |
| <b>IA</b>  | <b>410</b>                  | <b>460</b>            | <b>112</b>            | <b>90</b>                      | <b>81</b>             | <b>90</b>          | <b>74</b>                      | <b>73</b>             | <b>99</b>          | <b>1</b>  | <b>3</b>              | <b>300</b>            |
| KS         | 2,250                       | 2,450                 | 109                   | 510                            | 500                   | 98                 | 455                            | 420                   | 92                 | 15  | 20                    | 133                   |
| NE         | 1,940                       | 2,220                 | 114                   | 500                            | 500                   | 100                | 320                            | 320                   | 100                | 10  | 10                    | 100                   |
| NM         | 136                         | 143                   | 105                   | 26                             | 21                    | 81                 | 22                             | 16                    | 73                 | 3   | 4                     | 133                   |
| OK         | 335                         | 355                   | 106                   | 69                             | 71                    | 103                | 53                             | 59                    | 111                | 1   | 2                     | 200                   |
| SD         | 130                         | 170                   | 131                   | 40                             | 50                    | 125                | 40                             | 34                    | 85                 | 2   | 1                     | 50                    |
| TX         | 2,830                       | 2,930                 | 104                   | 550                            | 495                   | 90                 | 510                            | 510                   | 100                | 10  | 15                    | 150                   |
| WA         | 153                         | 171                   | 112                   | 40                             | 37                    | 93                 | 25                             | 23                    | 92                 | 1   | 1                     | 100                   |
| Oth<br>Sts | 275                         | 300                   | 109                   | 84                             | 60                    | 71                 | 43                             | 39                    | 91                 | 1   | 1                     | 100                   |
| US         | 10,482                      | 11,385                | 109                   | 2,355                          | 2,232                 | 95                 | 1,816                          | 1,765                 | 97                 | 57  | 68                    | 119                   |

<sup>1</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. <sup>2</sup> Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed by Class, 1000+ Capacity Feedlots  
by Quarter, State, and United States, 2005-2006**

| State      | Steers & Steer Calves |                   |                    | Heifers & Heifer Calves |                   |                    | Cows & Bulls       |                   |                    |
|------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
|            | October 1,<br>2005    | July 1,<br>2006   | October 1,<br>2006 | October 1,<br>2005      | July 1,<br>2006   | October 1,<br>2006 | October 1,<br>2005 | July 1,<br>2006   | October 1,<br>2006 |
|            | <i>1,000 Head</i>     | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>1,000 Head</i>  | <i>1,000 Head</i>       | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>1,000 Head</i>  | <i>1,000 Head</i>  | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>1,000 Head</i>  |
| AZ         | 316                   | 341               | 334                | 2                       | 3                 | 2                  | 0                  | 0                 | 0                  |
| CA         | 505                   | 487               | 480                | 30                      | 40                | 45                 | 0                  | 3                 | 0                  |
| CO         | 585                   | 650               | 730                | 310                     | 320               | 325                | 5                  | 10                | 5                  |
| ID         | 166                   | 149               | 172                | 101                     | 79                | 92                 | 3                  | 2                 | 1                  |
| <b>IA</b>  | <b>280</b>            | <b>320</b>        | <b>310</b>         | <b>129</b>              | <b>139</b>        | <b>149</b>         | <b>1</b>           | <b>1</b>          | <b>1</b>           |
| KS         | 1,330                 | 1,300             | 1,280              | 900                     | 970               | 1,150              | 20                 | 10                | 20                 |
| NE         | 1,140                 | 1,240             | 1,250              | 790                     | 740               | 950                | 10                 | 10                | 20                 |
| NM         | 76                    | 84                | 82                 | 60                      | 56                | 61                 | 0                  | 0                 | 0                  |
| OK         | 235                   | 240               | 245                | 100                     | 100               | 110                | 0                  | 0                 | 0                  |
| SD         | 64                    | 85                | 82                 | 56                      | 72                | 74                 | 10                 | 23                | 14                 |
| TX         | 1,880                 | 1,900             | 1,900              | 947                     | 1,075             | 1,027              | 3                  | 5                 | 3                  |
| WA         | 90                    | 81                | 97                 | 62                      | 66                | 73                 | 1                  | 1                 | 1                  |
| Oth<br>Sts | 205                   | 215               | 235                | 66                      | 50                | 64                 | 4                  | 5                 | 1                  |
| US         | 6,872                 | 7,092             | 7,197              | 3,553                   | 3,710             | 4,122              | 57                 | 70                | 66                 |

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